



Foggy Bottom News

Published for and by the Citizens of Foggy Bottom

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, January 27 at 8
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street. NW



A Park For Foggy Bottom

The next time you go down Virginia Avenue toward the River and turn right at the light to go up the Rock Creek Parkway, take a glance to your right. As you turn at the light, there is Metro construction, and the new Metro power station, which will be a round building about twenty feet high. As you go north towards K Street and pass under the freeway ramps, you will see a rather large piece of open land on your right with grass and some areas of recently-planted daffodil bulbs.

This piece of land, bounded by K Street on the north, Virginia Avenue on the south, 27th Street on the east and Rock Creek Parkway on the west, is a block long and roughly half a block wide. A 30 or 40 foot strip along the Parkway is owned by the

National Park Service, the rest by the District of Columbia. Ten years ago, in 1964, the D.C. Highway Dept. promised this land to the National Park Service, and it all seemed comfortably settled. Then the District needed space for Metro construction and storage of materials, so only the western part along the parkway went to the Park Service. With Metro moving out in the next year or two, everyone concerned agrees that now is the time to consider what the future use of the land should be. Our Association, as it was ten years ago, can be instrumental in the decision.

However, no move can really be made until we know what we want—and therefore discussion of this is on the agenda for the January meeting. The real question is

whether we would prefer the security of maintenance and care of the land by the National Park Service, or whether we would prefer to try to put the land into the hands of the D.C. Recreation Department, in the hopes of getting some tennis courts or a play area for small children. If the District of Columbia continues as owner, can we be guaranteed that the land will not be torn up again for some future use? Or worse, built upon? Park land is expensive and brings in no tax revenue. On the other hand, if the land goes to the National Park Service, we give up all ideas of recreational purposes and think only in terms of beauty. Let us know what you think, please, either by mail or phone, or better, in the discussion January 27th.

Consumer Alerts

The Council of Governments has launched a new consumer protection program, "Consumer Alert," designed to give Washington area residents advice on key consumer questions.

Radio stations throughout the area are participating in the program by broadcasting a series of 30-second spot announcements with brief case histories of actual problems encountered by consumers and advice on how listeners can protect themselves from suffering the same fate.

Six new spots will be produced every two months. The announcements, prepared by COG's Consumer Protection Committee, are narrated

by Radio-TV personality Mac McGarry. The messages were produced by Radio Station WRC as a public service through cooperation of Station Manager Harold Green. COG's Committee is headed by Barbara Gregg, Director of Montgomery County's Office of Consumer Affairs.

Consumers are encouraged to contact their local consumer protection office when they have a consumer complaint.

When you have a complaint call;

District of Columbia: Consumer Affairs Office, 629-2618.
from: Council of Governments Regional Report



St. Paul's Program for Retired Persons

St. Paul's begins Senior Citizen program.

The twenty persons who attended the get-acquainted party previously announced in the Foggy Bottom News have been notified of the beginning of a weekly program for senior citizens and retired persons. Each Thursday, beginning at 10:30 A.M., a program of speakers, movies, slides, etc. will precede a luncheon (bring your own sandwich). From 12:30 to 2:30 groups will be formed for bridge, knitting or other crafts and games. There is no charge for this Thursday program and all senior citizens are welcome whether they attended the organizing party or no. It all began on Thursday, January 9th, with slides and a talk on northern Italian art by Mrs. Edward Springarn.

Dear Editor:

Your invitation to submit traffic problems in the latest issue of Foggy Bottom News gives me an opportunity I've long desired—to present my case as a pedestrian. I have often been tempted to stand a few minutes on 23rd Street or New Hampshire Avenue at Washington Circle (Dupont Circle is just as bad at 19th Street going south) and jot down license numbers of all motorists who **deliberately** run through the red lights, not just try to sneak through on the yellow, to the peril of all pedestrians. Instead of always having the policewoman down at 21st and L (who seems to enjoy her job at the fairly orderly corner) why can't we have some law and order at the turnoff points from the circles? One wouldn't complain about an out-of-towner getting confused on the circles, but these offenders are business people who drive that way day in and day out and should know better. Even the bus drivers swinging off Dupont Circle onto 19th Street often simply ignore that red light. I've been walking in both directions for more than a year and I know what I'm talking about!

Sincerely yours,
Ms. V. Berton
2400 Pa. Ave. NW



University Bill

The bill creating a University of the District of Columbia has been signed into law by President Ford.

The elected City Council will have until July 1, 1975, to accept, amend or reject the legislation which merges Washington Technical Institute, Federal City College and D.C. Teachers College into one institution. If the Council takes no action on the bill the new university will commence operations by July 1, 1976.
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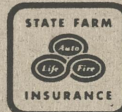
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by Dorth Arnold

It's possible to entertain guests for dinner quite reasonably even though food prices are so high. This menu may seem a bit eccentric but it is filling, delicious and let's say—imaginative!

Cocktails
Liptauer Cheese
White Radishes, sliced
Onion Soup
Linguine with Mushrooms
Cucumbers in sour cream
Baked Bananas in honey with cinnamon

Liptauer Cheese •
Put in blender:
¼ pound cottage cheese
¼ pound butter
Mix and add 1 t. each caraway seeds, prepared mustard, paprika, anchovy paste and 1 T. T. butter in that same pan and minced chives. Stir well and put in crock. Served with sliced white radishes or pumpernickel bread.

Onion Soup •
Fry one thinly sliced onion per person in 1T. butter until golden. Add 1 cup of canned or home made beef bouillon per person. Season to taste with salt and white pepper. Serve very hot with croutons and grated Romano cheese.

Linguine with Mushrooms (For Four) •
¼ pound of butter
½ pound mushrooms
1 pound Linguine
¾ cup heavy cream
¾ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 t. oregano
salt and ground black pepper to taste
Heat 4 T. butter and saute sliced mushrooms. Cook Linguine in boiling water until done, about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain well. Melt remaining 4 T. butter in that same pan and return Linguine to it. Place over very low heat and add everything else. Pass extra Parmesan cheese.

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Home Repair Fraud

The U.S. Attorney's Office here has issued a warning to consumers about certain home improvement fraud schemes that are operating in the D.C. metropolitan area.

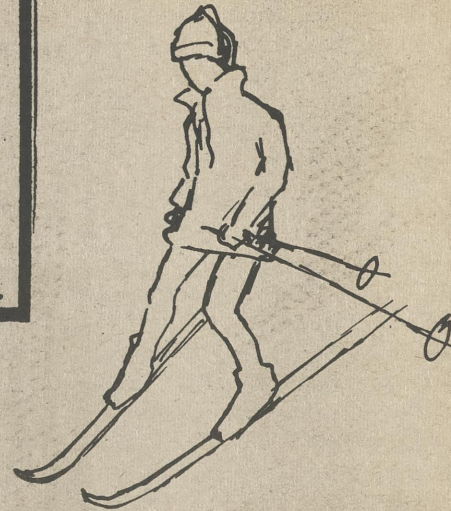
Citizens, especially the elderly, should be alert to activities of home improvement contractors or roofers who operate by door-to-door solicitation and demand large sums of money in advance.

Home owners are told to require a contractor to display a home improvement license before giving him work.

The earmarks of a home repair fraud scheme include the operator asking for large sums of money in advance, operating with no fixed place of business, attempting to avoid giving written receipts or estimates and being unwilling to provide references.

Persons suspicious of such practices should contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Ogren, chief of the fraud unit, at 426-7040 or 426-7222.

From DC PIPELINE, Dec. 1974



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-you could get whiplash running from one unusual thing to the other--

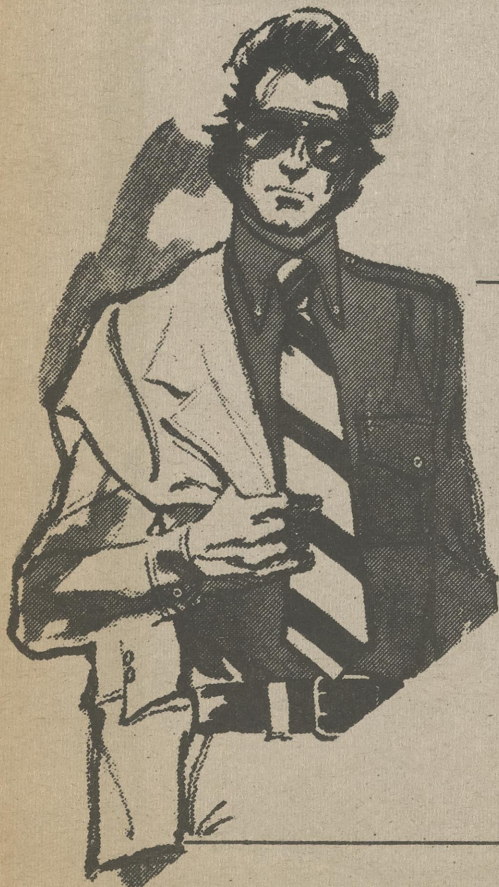
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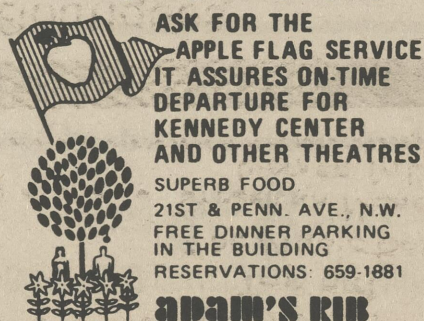
From the Lost River Area of West Virginia to the shell-strewn beaches of Chincoteague, from the Appalachian Trail in the Pennsylvania foothills to its Shenandoah Park exit at Rockfish Gap, from Massanutten Mountain in Virginia to the Catoctin Mountains in Maryland, is the domain of the Wanderbirds Hiking Club. To cover it they use chartered Metro buses which take them from 17th and K Streets, N.W. to the start of the hike and return.

There is a hike scheduled every Sunday in the year. Among the hikes selected to fill the bulletin each quarter the Wanderbirds often include hikes off the beaten path, such as Crimora Lake, Moorman's River, and the Falls of the East Branch of Naked Creek. But they do not neglect the old favorites, the tried and true: Old Rag, Robertson Mountain, Hawksbill, Bear Church Rock, Jeremy's Run, the Bib Schloss, Bird Knob, Big and Little Devils' Stairs, and the C & O Canal. The hikes are usually in the eight-to-10 mile range, but generally a shorter hike is offered as an option.

This year the Wanderbirds celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their founding. With 52 hikes a year, this means there have been in the Wanderbirds' lifetime something like 2000 hikes. All those interested in hiking, beginners as well as the experienced, are welcome on Wanderbird hikes. Upon completion of two hikes a hiker is eligible to join the club. Dues are \$2 a year.

Anyone wishing a copy of the club's current schedule of hikes may obtain one by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Tom Kusuda, Director of Public Relations, Wanderbirds Hiking Club, 4319 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

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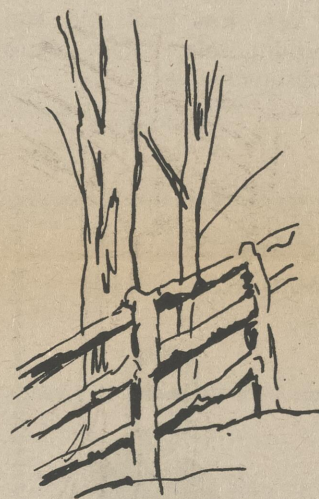
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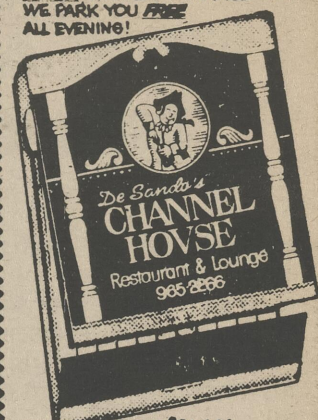
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